

Re: How to Tune-up a PC

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Thank you everyone for your input and advice here. I suppose I should've known that a post title such as this would draw attention and controversy, after all, it's a good question to ask and something that's not talked about enough... in my opinion.

At home, I personally use Vcom System Suite and have been quite pleased with the "tune-up" utilities it offers.

So I'll go to www.majorgeek.com and download a few freeware utilities such as CCleaner and a few other items to boot to "tune-up" my friends PC. S. Stanley's list of thing to do is worth a good read, I've seen this posted before but never had the foresight to save it... Thanks!

I suppose one item I'm curious about tho, over the years, we can have many MS updates installed. After installation, the downloaded file stays in the Windows directory in the event we want to un-install it via Add/Remove Programs. But say after 2-4 months and the update is not causing any problems, is it okay to delete these files/folders? If so, how do we do it so it doesn't mess up add/remove apps? Especially the XP-SP2 file/folder. It can be a huge file.

But I'll also get something to go around and delete the temp files within each login profile, change the XP settings for performance and loose some eye candy, flush out the system restore records, clean/defrag the registry, adjust everyone's temp internet files folder size.... that kindof stuff.

I'm not really worried about adware and malware at this point, I hope Norton 360 has a handle on that. But Norton did find 2 adware items that we need to manually remove.

We'll top off the system RAM for \$50-75 bucks, it was a Dell on sale at the time, so it came populated with only 256 MB RAM.

These sort of things are what I'm looking for. BUT, please feel free to fire at will with whatever you have to offer!

Thanks for all the input, this is ALL good!

Richard in VA.

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"Richard in Va." <reaton@xxxxxxx> wrote in message

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3-4 years ago, I helped a friend buy a new PC, a Dell Dimension 4550 w/ XP-home. The years have taken it's toll and it's really running slow.

We've removed a bunch of apps via Add/Remove Programs and installed Norton 360 for virus protection then defragged. This has help alot, but nothing like when it was new out-of-the-box.

Can someone recommend a web site or utility that can go thru and fix-up things. I realize he still has all the MS updates including SP-2 and such, should we remove these along with other stuff from C:\ (not un-installing)?

Thanks for any advise,

Richard in VA.

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